



NEWS RELEASE - COVID-19 (Coronavirus) #35

City of Lauderhill Monitors the Increase in COVID-19 Cases & Adjusts.

Lauderhill, FL – July 3, 2020 – 6:00 PM – Lauderhill reopened City offices and parks methodically and in accordance with State, County, and City Executive Orders and CDC Guidelines on June 22, 2020. Office hours were reduced and many services and programs have been offered virtually. Administration implemented many precautions to minimize the spread of COVID-19 for employees and the public including limiting office hours to the public, installing sneeze guards, signage, and hand sanitation stations around the facilities. Temperature checks and face coverings are mandatory for staff and the public in all City buildings. Staff has been provided with facial coverings, gloves and hand sanitizer. In addition, the City will continue to ensure daily deep cleaning of all facilities.

To help protect the staff and residents, the City provided free voluntary COVID-19 testing to all employees. At this time, 20 of our 600 employees have tested positive. Most of those employees who tested positive are asymptomatic. The City completed contact tracing for all employees and only one had contact with the public. The public affected was notified. In light of the escalation of positive cases in Florida and positive cases of employees, the City will resume Virtual Services and close City Hall, all Administrative offices, and Parks and Recreation buildings. We will revert back to virtual and essential services and no longer allow the public in City buildings until further notice. At this time, we are remaining vigilant and taking all steps to provide a safe work place in accordance with CDC Guidelines, including making testing available to all employees, providing flexible work schedules, and telecommuting.

City Hall and all Administrative Offices will be open virtually Monday through Thursday from 7:30 AM to 6:00 PM. Staff will be available to take phone calls during that time. Call 954-739-0100 for any Department located in City Hall. Call Police (non-emergency) at 954-497-4700, Fire at 954-730-2950, and Parks at 954-730-3080. Log on to lauderhill-fl.gov for more information on Virtual City Services or to [contact us via e-mail](#).

Water Bills can be paid online at lauderhill-fl.gov/onlinebillpay or at TD Bank on Oakland Park Blvd. and Inverrary Blvd. West. You can pay over the phone by calling 954-739-0100 (Option #1). The Utility Drop box in front of City Hall is also open for those who do not need a receipt.

Building Permits are still being accepted. Interior and exterior Commercial inspections are ongoing. Residential inspections are limited, however when possible, technological accommodations are being utilized to aid in completing the inspections. Please call 954-739-0100 (Option #3) for more information.

All City Parks will remain open for passive use only. City Park hours of operation are still Sunrise to Sunset. All buildings will remain closed. Outdoor exercise and playground equipment remain closed. Tennis, basketball and racquetball courts are open with restrictions. The Lauderhill Golf Course and all municipal pools are now closed. In honor of **Independence Day**, all City Parks will be closed on Saturday, July 4, 2020.

Lauderhill Food Distribution

Joy's Roti Delight, in conjunction with Commissioner Richard Campbell, will host a Drive Thru Food Distribution on Sunday, July 5, 2020 at 9:00 AM. A free box of locally grown produce from USDA farmers will be given out to each car on a first come, first serve basis. No walk-ups are permitted and it is open to the public. The event location is 1205 NW 40 Avenue (441), Lauderhill, FL 33313.

COVID-19 Testing Location in Lauderhill

Starting July 6, 2020, the **Lauderhill Sports Park** will be a testing location provided by the Florida Department of Emergency Management. This is a walk-up location and no prescription for testing is necessary. The hours of operation are from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, every day of the week from July 6 until July 26. Residents will walk up to register. After registering, they will go back to their vehicles until they receive a text message on when to return to be tested.

Lauderhill Census 2020

Is it you we are waiting on? Have you been counted in the 2020 Census? Now more than ever....WE NEED YOU TO GET COUNTED! Schools and healthcare providers receive funding based on our collective response. Giving your response is quick, secure and easy. It is vital to this community. Shape our future and get counted. Visit 2020census.gov.